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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
: Examiner: M. Botts
HIROSHI TANIOKA)
: Group Art Unit: 2176
Application No.: 10/697,983)
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Filed: October 31, 2003)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
: APPARATUS, IMAGE
: PROCESSING METHOD AND
: STORAGE MEDIUM) June 28, 2006

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Sir:

Applicant petitions the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated February 28, 2006 for one month from Tuesday, May 30, 2006 (the day following Memorial Day) to June 28, 2006.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on

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Submitted herewith is a check for \$120.00 to cover the fee for the extension under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17. Any deficiency in or overpayment of this fee should be charged or credited to Deposit Account 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this petition is enclosed.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Frank L. Cire', written over a horizontal line.

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